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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

United States of America

v.

Julianna Porretto,

Defendant.

Protective Order

22 Cr. 209 (ALC)

Upon the application of the United States of America, with the consent of the undersigned counsel, and the defendant having requested discovery under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16, the Court hereby finds and orders as follows:

Sensitive Material. The Government will make disclosure to the defendant of documents, objects and information, including electronically stored information (“ESI”), pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16, 18 U.S.C. §3500, and the Government’s general obligation to produce exculpatory and impeachment material in criminal case. Certain of that discovery may include material that (i) would impede, if prematurely disclosed, the Government’s ongoing investigation of uncharged individuals; (ii) would risk prejudicial pretrial publicity if publicly disseminated; and (iii) is not authorized to be disclosed to the public or disclosed beyond that which is necessary for the defense of this criminal case. Discovery materials produced by the Government to the defendant or their counsel that are either (1) designated in whole or in part as “Sensitive” by the Government in emails or communications to defense counsel, or (2) that include a Bates or other label stating “Sensitive,” shall be deemed “Sensitive Material.”

2. Attorney’s Presence Only (“APO”) Materials. Certain of the Government’s disclosure material, referred to herein as “APO Material,” contains personal information about the victim of an overdose death, which could unduly affect the privacy and confidentiality of the victim and the

victim's relatives, absent the protective considerations set forth herein. Discovery materials produced by the Government to the defendant or their counsel that are either (1) designated in whole or in part as "APO" by the Government in emails or communications to defense counsel, or (2) that include a Bates or other label stating "APO," shall be deemed "APO Material." Any material designated as APO Material shall also be deemed Sensitive Material.

3. **Attorney's Eyes Only ("AEO") Material.** Certain discovery materials in this case may contain particularly private information about individuals other than the defendant and could unduly affect the privacy and confidentiality of the victim and the victim's relatives, absent the protective considerations set forth herein. Discovery materials produced by the Government to the defendant or their counsel that are either (1) designated in whole or in part as "AEO" by the Government in emails or communications to defense counsel, or (2) that include a Bates or other label stating "AEO," shall be deemed "AEO Material." Any material designated as AEO Material shall also be deemed Sensitive Material.

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Sensitive Material shall not be disclosed by the defendant or defense counsel, including any successor counsel ("the defense") other than as set forth herein, and shall be used by the defense solely for purposes of defending this action. The defense shall not post any sensitive material on any Internet site or network site to which persons other than the parties hereto have access, and shall not disclose any disclosure material to the media or any third party except as set forth below.

2. Sensitive Material, other than APO or AEO material, may be disclosed by counsel to:

(a) Personnel for whose conduct counsel is responsible, *i.e.*, personnel employed by or retained by counsel, as needed for purposes of defending this action;

(b) Prospective witnesses and attorneys for any prospective witness for purposes of defending this action;

(c) The defendant; and

(d) Such other persons as hereafter may be authorized by the Court.

3. APO Material shall be treated as Sensitive Material, except the defendant and prospective witnesses are precluded from possessing the APO material except when in the presence of defense counsel or an individual working on defense counsel's behalf.

4. AEO Material shall be treated as Sensitive Material, except the defense shall not share any AEO Material or the content of the AEO Material with any other person, including the defendant, except for any personnel employed by or retained by counsel, as needed for purposes of defending this action.

5. The Government may authorize, in writing, disclosure of Sensitive Material, APO Material, and AEO Material beyond that otherwise permitted by this Order without further Order of this Court.

6. This Order does not prevent the disclosure of any Sensitive Material in any hearing or trial held in this action, or to any judge or magistrate judge, for purposes of this action. However, APO and AEO Material pertinent to any motion before the Court should initially be filed under seal, absent consent of the Government or Order of the Court. All filings should comply with the privacy protection provisions of Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1.

7. Except for Sensitive Material that has been made part of the record of this case, the defense shall return to the Government or securely destroy or delete all Sensitive Material, including the seized ESI Sensitive Material, within 30 days of the expiration of the period for direct appeal from any verdict in the above-captioned case; the period of direct appeal from any order dismissing any of the charges in the above-captioned case; or the granting of any motion made on behalf of the Government dismissing any charges in the above-captioned case, whichever date is later. This provision is subject to any applicable obligations to retain client files under the New York Rules of Professional Conduct.

8. The defense shall provide a copy of this Order to prospective witnesses and persons retained by counsel to whom the defense has disclosed Sensitive Material. All such persons shall be subject to the terms of this Order. Defense counsel shall maintain a record of what Sensitive Material has been disclosed to which such persons.

9. At any time, defense counsel may seek leave from the Government to allow materials designated as APO or AEO to be shared with, maintained, retained, or kept by the defendant ("Requested Material"). The Government will promptly review such Requested Material and (i) consent to the sharing of the Requested Material with the defendant; (ii) provide defense counsel with a redacted version of the Requested Material that may be shared with the defendant; or (iii) provide defense counsel with an explanation as to why the Requested Material cannot be shared with the defendant at that time, so as to facilitate the Court's consideration of any disputes regarding the Requested Material. The Government will make all practicable efforts to oblige defense counsel requests to share Requested Material.

9. In the event of any dispute as to the Government's designation of particular disclosure material as Sensitive, APO, or AEO Material, the parties shall meet and confer, without prejudice to a subsequent application by defense counsel seeking de-designation of such material by the Court. If the defense moves the Court for de-designation of disputed material, the Government shall respond within seven days of the defense filing, absent further Order of this Court. The Government shall bear the burden of establishing good cause for its Sensitive, APO, or AEO designation of the disputed materials. Absent a contrary order of this Court, the Government's designation of disclosure material as Sensitive, APO, or AEO Material shall be controlling.

9. This Order places no restriction on a defendant's use or disclosure of ESI that originally belonged to the defendant.

Retention of Jurisdiction

10. The provisions of this order shall not terminate at the conclusion of this criminal prosecution and the Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order following termination of the case.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

DAMIAN WILLIAMS
United States Attorney

by: /s/
Thomas S. Burnett
Assistant United States Attorney


Date: 9/7/2022

 /s/
Mark Gombiner
Counsel for Julianna Porretto

Date: 8/23/2022

SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York
September 8 , 2022


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE